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Re: Moratorium Request on Water Stored in Smith & Morehouse Reservoir

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you are aware, questions have been raised this year regarding the proper allocation of Weber River water at the Weber/Provo diversion near Oakley, to the Provo River Water Users Association and other owners of Weber River water rights located in the Provo River drainage. At issue is the historical operation and interpretation of the 1938 power contract among the Provo River and Weber River Associations, Reclamation, Utah Power & Light and Utah Light and Traction. The Association believes water that should have been diverted to the Association and others at the Weber/Provo diversion was improperly withheld by the Weber River Commissioner. We understand that approximately 10,000 acre-feet of water is in question in Echo reservoir, and approximately 6,000 acre-feet of water may currently be stored in Smith & Morehouse reservoir, and may be available to the Association and other Weber River water right holders on the Provo River.

We are writing to formally request that a moratorium be placed on any release of water from Smith & Morehouse until the State Engineer can determine the rightful owners of the water in Echo and Smith & Morehouse. Any water in Smith & Morehouse that belongs to the Provo River Water Users Association or other Weber River water right holders on the Provo River, may be the only recovery that can be achieved during this water year.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Budge, P.E.
Operations & Engineering Manager

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